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For: NUCLEIC ACID AND ENCODED ZINC
TRANSPORTER PROTEIN ENTITLED
108P5H8 USEFUL IN TREATMENT AND
DETECTION OF CANCER

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final Office Action dated May 12, 2005, for which a response was due on August 12, 2005. A three-month extension of time is filed herewith, thereby extending the deadline for response to November 12, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.